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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

John F. SHANLEY *et al.*

Application No.: **10/824,124**

Filing Date: 13 April 2004

For: Expandable Medical Device with S-Shaped  
Bridging Elements

Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: Bui, Vy Q.

Attorney Ref. No.: P003 C5

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 4 October 2005, which set a three-month shortened statutory period of response thereto, please amend the application as follows.